

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB

MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER

SS 396: More than just a straight-line machine.

Personally, we don't like the idea of a car that goes like a bird when the road's like a ruler, and then turns chicken every time it has to change direction. What's more, we don't think you do either. Be assured, we gave every SS 396 an engine — a 325-hp 396-cu.-in. Turbo-Jet V8, with 360- and 375-hp versions on order. That wasn't

all. We gave it a suspension, too.

Stiffer coil springs and shocks at all four corners came first. Next, a stiffer anti-sway bar at the front and special frame reinforcements at the back. Then a set of 7.75 x 14 red stripe tires and a fully synchronized 3-speed transmission with floor-mounted shift.

By the time we were finished,

we knew we had your kind of machine; a machine that you could use to demonstrate the techniques of safe precision driving to others. The final touch was to paint the grillework black and add two businesslike scoops to the hood. After all, this was a machine with a purpose. What we did was give it a purposeful look.



'66 CHEVELLE SS 396 by CHEVROLET 

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General Information

The club is a not-for-profit Kansas corporation, dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of all Chevelles and El Caminos. Ownership of a Chevelle or associated vehicle is not required. Club newsletters which include minutes of meetings, upcoming events, and technical articles are also found on club's website and are forwarded to members. Business meetings are convened on the last Thursday of each month, with the possible exceptions of November and December, for the purpose of discussing and planning future club events. The meetings begin at 7:00 p.m., at Hendrick Chevrolet, 8300 Shawnee Mission Parkway, Merriam, Kansas unless otherwise noted in the newsletter or on the club's website. Members may advertise vehicles/parts for sale, trade, or wanted in the newsletter for no charge. Call the editor (Brian Findley) at 913/558-1453 or email at findley13703@gmail.com

Board Information

Chair:	Roger Verstraete
Co-Chair:	Ed Smoot
Secretary:	Debbie Gragg
Treasurer:	Eugene Hallouer
At Large:	Randy Cummings
At Large:	John Gragg

Newsletter Editor: Brian Findley

Monthly Meeting Agenda

Monthly meetings are held the last Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m., at Hendrick Chevrolet, 8300 Shawnee Mission Parkway, Merriam, Kansas.

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Introductions
- 3) Reports/Discussion
- 4) Upcoming Events
- 5) Report of Treasurer
- 6) Additional Items
- 7) Adjournment

Dues

REMINDER – CLUB DUES FOR 2019 ARE DUE BY APRIL 30, 2019

Annual club dues (\$35) are to be submitted by April 30th. If you have not renewed your membership by this date there is a three month grace period. You can mail your dues to:

Mid America Chevelle Club
c/o Eugene Hallouer
12318 W. 61st Street
Shawnee, KS 66216

Reminder – Club dues are to be submitted 4/30.



2019 Meeting Minutes

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB
HENDRICK CHEVROLET, MERRIAM, KS
February 28, 2019
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chair Verstraete. There were 29 persons present.

The minutes, as presented in the newsletter, were approved.

It was agreed that seed money would be sent to Queen City for the regional show.

Verstraete touched on the show and noted that the car show fliers were ready and available, with a special thanks to Lynn LeCount for designing and producing them.

Members were informed that a tree limb fell on the club trailer during a recent storm and that temporary repairs are being made until a permanent fix can be had.

Verstraete noted that the Christmas Party location and date had been finalized and will be held on Dec. 6 at the Thompson Barn in Lenexa. This event will be catered with more details to come.

MACC participation at World of Wheels was discussed, with many awards won and 3 new members signed up from the show as well as many more applications given out.

Mr. Calder covered upcoming events, including a trip to Aeromotive Fuel Systems in Lenexa on 3/23 and First Friday at Verstraete's house on 4/5.

Mr. Hallouer presented the treasurer's report, which was accepted. He indicated that there are currently 89 paid members in the club.

A drawing for the \$25 meeting participation was had, and Joedy Terrill took home the prize.

There being no further official business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Immediately following, members were invited to cruise to Old Shawnee Pizza for food, drinks, and camaraderie.

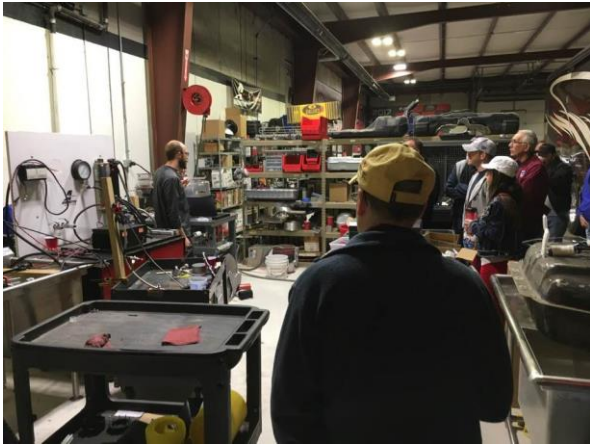
Submitted respectfully by:

Ed Smoot
Vice President



March events attended by MACC

March 23----Aeromotive Inc. tour 7805 Barton Street, Lenexa, KS



Calendar of Upcoming Events 2019

April 5----First Friday Cruise In—Roger and Janet Verstraete-see Rogers note

April 6----Street Car Takeover, Arrowhead Stadium, 10a.m. to 8 p.m.

April 13—Tour Vintage Fabrication 2419 N Old Atherton Rd, Independence, MO
10a.m. -12 noon and then lunch TBD after.

April 27—Twin Peaks Lunch

May 3----First Friday Cruise In—Carriage House Desoto, KS hosted by Jim and Julie

May 5----Cruise the Burg, Louisburg, KS Sunday event

May 10-11--Loafers Car Club Show in Hannibal, Missouri

June 1 ---Club Picnic—John and Phyllis Prouty's Place Raymore, MO

June 7----First Friday Cruise In --John and Debra Gragg

June 8-----Paola Car show Paola, KS

June 15---Twin Peaks Lunch

June 28-29—Midwest Chevelle Regionals, Springfield, MO

July 5----First Friday Cruise In—Ed and Inga Smoot

July 13—Evel Knievel Museum/Historic Harley Davidson Museum, Topeka, KS

July 18-21—Street Machine Nationals, St. Paul, MN

August 1---Aeromotive, Inc open house 7805 Barton St. Lenexa, Ks 4p.m.-8
Thursday.

August 2---First Friday Cruise In-Rick and Kelly Byfield

August 17---Alma, KS Car Show

August 24---Twin Peaks Lunch

August 30---Wellsville Car Show, Wellsville, KS

September 6-----First Friday Cruise In

September 8-----Shawnee Car Show Sunday Event

September 14---Merriam Car Show

September 14----KCI Cruise/Menards Chevy Show 12200 N Ambassador Dr
KC, MO 3p.m. -8p.m.

September 21---Ottawa Car Show

September 27-28—MACC Chevelle Show

October 4----First Friday Cruise In

October 10-12----National El Camino Owners Association 60th Anniversary Show
Arlington, TX—Sorry El Caminos/Sprints only

October 18-20----Fall Color Tour-Osage Beach, MO

October 26-----MACC Fall Party

November 22-24----Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals---Rosemont, IL (Chicago)

December 6-----MACC Christmas Party---Friday Event

Other car shows and events can be added during the year. Let Steve Calder
or Roger Verstraete know.



President's Column

Hi MACC,

Well car season is here! Hope everyone has gotten their winter upgrades and projects done on your Chevelles. I have been getting some calls from members asking questions about where to get parts and recommendations on what to use on their suspension upgrades. We are always willing to help a member with their projects. Please feel free to ask anyone in the club for advice. I have also had questions on where to buy or sell a Chevelle. A new place in Olathe, Kansas just opened called Gateway Classic cars <http://www.gatewayclassiccars.com>. Eugene and I stopped in a couple of weeks ago and saw a familiar car on the showroom floor. This car was once owned by one of our former members, Jim Hockensmith.



Gateway has 18 different locations across the nation. They will buy, sell, trade or consign on classic cars. They charge 12% commission on cars they sell on consignment. They have a nice location and a nice new building and everything is inside so all the cars are protected.

Steve and the event planning staff have a busy season planned. Our first Friday Night Cruise-In will be at our house on April 5th weather permitting. You never know about the weather in April so we are planning on having it unless it is cold or rainy. I will send out an email confirming the event so everyone will know for sure that week. Our plans are to grill hamburgers. We will have the buns, bake beans and all the fixings. We are asking everyone to bring a side dish or dessert, their own drinks and chairs. My address is 20711 W 67th street, Shawnee, Kansas. If you haven't been to our house before, the parking is somewhat limited.



But I will check with my neighbors to see if we can park in some of their driveways. There is also a lot of room on the street. The more the merrier. My cell number 913-207-3374. You can also check out the newsletter for the rest of the events for this spring and summer.

We have secured a new location for this year's Christmas party. We will be having it at the historic Thompson barn in Lenexa, Kansas at 112th and Lackman Road. We are renting the hall and having the dinner catered in. This year's date is on Friday night, December 6th. The main reason for moving is the Hollywood Casino doubled the price on using the banquet room. Here is some history of this historic barn.

The Lackman-Thompson estate was once home to Margaretha and William Lackman, German immigrants who came to America in 1885. The Lackmans sold their estate to Kansas City horse and mule dealer Frank Thompson in 1908.

In 1932, the farm's original barn burned down, which gave Thompson the opportunity to build a new brick barn – the barn that still stands today. The Thompsons' son, Hugh, sold much of their estate to be developed into Southlake Business Park and bequeathed the remaining land to the Johnson County Community College Foundation.

The Lackman-Thompson Estate was placed on the Register for Historic Kansas Places – the only structure in Lenexa to receive the honor. In 1996, the JCCC Foundation offered the property to the City of Lenexa to preserve it and put it to good public use. We worked with many partners, including the Kansas State Historical Society, to honor the agreement.

The original Lackman house now serves as the home of the Lenexa Chamber of Commerce, Convention & Visitor's Bureau and Economic Development Office. We restored the barn, preserving its historical character and blending it into a new era.

Here are some pictures of the inside



Well, that it for this month. Hope to see everyone at this month's meeting and at our first Friday Night cruise in.

Roger

Vice-President's Column

VP's Corner.....with Ed Smoot

I'm sure everyone reading this column that has had a classic car of any brand at any time can relate to this month's column. Had a great Saturday with a pretty good sized group of MACC members. We took a trip to Aeromotive- a local manufacturer of fuel systems and tanks that provide a wide array of products from simple tanks and pumps to high end racing pumps and equipment that can supply enough fuel to fill a fire hose at full force if needed. The private tour was awesome and very informative-- started with complimentary donuts and coffee and Jackson & Johnson (PR and Sales, respectively) came in on their day off to show us the ins and outs of how their operation came to be and runs today. Very impressive, and these guys really knew their stuff. So impressive, in fact, that I signed up and bought one of their new Gen II fuel tanks / systems on the spot for the Beaumont that I'm building. If you are in the market for a new fuel tank with an in-tank pump or need a fuel supply for a swap of any kind or a hi-horsepower application, give these guys a call or visit Aeromotive.com. They will sell direct and you can pick up product right there in Lenexa- saves a ton in freight on those big items.

That was great, but I also used this as an opportunity to break out the Butternut '68 for it's big debut. Keep in mind that I haven't driven this car more than a couple of miles since I acquired it a few years ago. So what could go wrong? Oh, let me count the ways...

The small stuff- they were calling for the possibility of rain that day, so I thought that I should try the wipers. The previous owner had obviously opted to not use any kind of knob on the switch and went the pliers route during his ownership. I followed suit, and lo and behold, they came on! The not so great thing is that when they turned off, they did so on their own timetable, and parked sticking straight up. No big deal, but a project for another day.



More small stuff- the glove box would not stay shut, so it lives its life open for now. The crank for the driver window won't stay on, and can usually be found under the driver seat when you need it. No defrost, radio, or any of those creature comforts- but I did take the time to fix the taillights and turn signals last week, so at least there's that.



The big stuff: I noticed while I was cruising to the meet up spot that whenever I let off the accelerator, the car sure slowed at a rapid rate. Hmmm- a little concerning, but when I stopped for fuel, I felt the hubs at each corner and none seemed hot. Well, that sure changed once I hit KC traffic! I started smelling something when I was about 10 minutes out, but had to press on. When I got to the Aeromotive parking lot, there was a nice wisp of smoke coming from the rear brake drums. Not much I could do at the time, so I just let it cool down while we did our tour and then went to lunch afterwards. On the trip home, same result- but a pretty marked increase in brake drum plumage. On a positive note, I now didn't have to worry about what I was going to be doing this Saturday afternoon- it was brakes! Old cars have a way of helping you with those kinds of decisions.



I pulled the rear wheels off and found the rear shoes slightly extended. Once I released the pressure on the bleeders, they went right back in. Of course the shoes were smoked, but I had isolated the problem. I had this happen on my son's '68 el Camino- it was the rear brake hose. It was acting as a one-way trap door due to it's age. The inside of the hose had collapsed internally and wouldn't allow fluid back to the master cylinder. A quick trip to the parts store confirmed that NOBODY keeps a rear brake hose for a 68-72 Chevelle on the shelf- what gives?

Discouraged, I returned home, and did the next logical thing- started another upgrade. I yanked the non-power booster off of the firewall and swapped the system over to a vacuum assist booster/master that I had sitting on the shelf from another Right Stuff upgrade on another car. To test things when done, I capped the rear line, bled the rest of the system, and took her for a spin.

We've got brakes again! And they are so much easier on the right leg-- good move on my part. The added bonus with no back brakes- I can be my own line lock! Burnouts became effortless- I was like a 16 year old kid again. Now, once the brake hose comes in, I can complete my brake repair and call this part of the project done...for now...and move on to the other dozen things that happen when you start to daily drive a 51-year-old beater.



I won't make this month's meeting, so you all stay safe and we'll see you at the next gathering!

Ed

New Members

Russ Bright
9916 Windsor Dr.
Lees Summit, MO 64086
816-405-9057
E-Mail russbright@sbcglobal.net
Member # 457 good to 4/30/2020
1969 Chevelle SS, Fathom Green, owned since 2000. His Father owned since 1983.
Interests: Cruising, Car Shows

Zac & Beth Cooper
9703 W 92nd Street
Overland Park, Ks 66212
913-210-4572
E-Mail zjcooper7@gmail.com
Member # 456 good to 4/30/2020
1969 Malibu Chevelle SS, Hugger Orange. Owned 2 months.
Interests: Cruising, Car Shows, Tech Info
Found out about club thru a friend
Comments: Are currently evaluating restoration options for the car.



Michael & Pamela Renner

10909 w 52nd Circle

Shawnee, Ks 66203

Phone: Michael 913-549-0920 Pamela 913-710-8123

E-Mail: pamtastiksigas@gmail.com michaelrenner1960@gmail.com

Member#453 good to 4/30/2020

1970 Chevelle SS 454, Red / Black Stripes

Interests: Cruising, Car Shows

Found out about club thru club member.

Heath & Kea Hartsock

15960 NW 131st Ct

Platte City, MO 64079

Phone: 816-769-0061

E-Mail: sabota31us@yahoo.com

Member# 454 good to 4/30/2020

1968 Chevelle SS Clone

Interests: Cruising, Car Shows, Tech Info

Found out about club thru friend

Leo & Brenda Storoz

5200 Red Barn Lane

St Joseph, MO 64503

Phone: 816-294-0134

E-Mail: storoz_leo@hotmail.com (underscore between storoz & leo)

Member# 455 good to 4/30/2020

1970 Chevelle, Green Mist, Purchased in 1978

Interests: Car Shows, Tech Info

Found out about club on Internet & Show Flier



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Mid America Chevelle Club Apparel for Sale

Here is a list of club apparel that is available for club members. This will be available at this month club meeting. We sell all of our club apparel at cost to club members.

Flexfit hats. Sizes (S-Med), (Large - XL) Colors, black, tan, white, red, navy. \$12.00



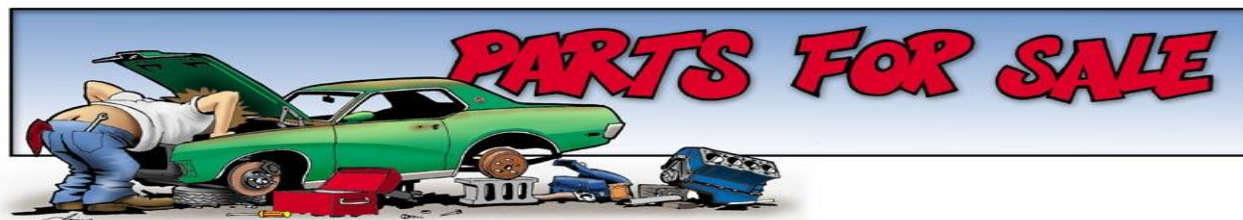
Hanes Beefy-t shirt. Sizes Large, XL, 2XL. Color Navy, Red, White \$12.00



All weather hooded wind breaker. Sizes come in Large, XL, 2XL Navy



Mid America Chevelle Club Members Parts for Sale



If you have any car parts you would like to sell email your list of parts to findley13703@gmail.com

Brian Findley – 913-558-1453

14 inch spare wheel and tire - \$20

Engine wiring harness for 1966, HEI with factory AC - \$100 – still in the original packaging.

Stainless fuel line for 396/350

Compact sub – RetroSound https://www.crutchfield.com/p_068SUB8100/RetroSound-SUB-8100.html - \$100

Frank Riley, Lenexa, KS 913-638-7596

Muncie Wide Ratio M-20 4 Speed Transmission \$600

Brand New Hurst Competition Plus 4 Speed Shifter \$300

70 Chevelle 4 Speed Transmission Crossmember \$100

For Sale: (4) Real Nice 15 x 7 Corvette Steel Rally Wheels: \$200

For Sale: (4) Nice Corvette Rally Derby Center Caps: \$100

For Sale: (4) Real Nice 15 x 7 Corvette Steel Rally Wheels w/ good Dunlap Qualifier GT Tires: \$300



For Sale: (5) Stock 1970 YA date code 14" Steel SS Wheels: \$200.

For Sale: Rebuilt Never Fired February '70 Date Coded CRT 3963512 Casting 454 Short Block engine: \$1,500

Tom Meier from Lawrence, KS at 785-979-9920 have the following items for sale.

1967 El Camino (It is a driver, not a show car) – 327, turbo 350, 3:73 10 Bolt Posi, Power disc front.

1- 283, 3pd on the column

2- Parts El Camino

I've got both my El Camino's for sale and wanted to see if you would share the links please.

I love them both but I need a better daily driver for going back and forth to school.

Ethan Butler - ethanbutler1999@gmail.com

1976 El Camino with custom paint job

1984 El Camino SS Choo Choo Customs

Ethan Butler 913-213-7097

1965-1967 BB Holley intake – Ron Brightwell - \$80.00



1970 1/18th scale Chevilles and El Caminos for sale, \$20.00 each. Contact John W. Gragg 816-804-4771



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